

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES GUIDE



CITY OF
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ARKANSAS

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2017**



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50TH ANNIVERSARY



50 Years of Play!

The Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating its 50th anniversary this 2017! The department has added many amenities and activities to support our citizens since its establishment in 1917. Our community can enjoy fishing and birdwatch at one of our three lakes, join a league sport for fun or competition, and take a run or ride on a paved or dirt trail.

The City of Fayetteville invites all to help celebrate *50 Years of Play* at Wilson Park and Walker Park on Saturday, October 14. There will be several fun opportunities available for all attendees to enjoy: live music, friendly games, food vendors, giveaway prizes, and brand new playground equipment! Come on out and celebrate *50 Years of Play*!



Ribbon Cutting

Wilson Park at 10 a.m.

Food Truck Rally

Walker Park at 3 p.m.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Mission Statement

To meet the parks and recreational needs of all by providing a safe and diversified parks system that encourages community pride, visionary planning and operations, and environmental stewardship.

Get Out and Enjoy!

At Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, we are in the people business! We hope that individuals of all abilities, ages, interests, and needs feel welcome in our programs and at our facilities.

The Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department has been recognized as the “Best in Arkansas,” but we are not content just “being the best.” We continually add new programs, green space, and trails to meet the needs of our residents. Currently the City is home to 36 parks, many creeks and streams, three lakes, and more than 77 miles of trails.

We want to be your number one stop for family fun and recreation. If there are any special accommodations you might need in order to participate, please let us know!

Social Media



twitter.com/FayParksAndRec

facebook.com/FayettevilleParksAndRecreation

instagram.com/fayettevilleparksandrec

Website

The City of Fayetteville’s website offers patrons the opportunity to register online for many programs, view dates for programming, and download various forms required for activities, events, and reservations. In addition, patrons can sign up for media releases from the City.

www.fayetteville-ar.gov/parks

SPECIAL EVENTS & REGISTRATION



Special Event Request

Interested in hosting your own event? Call us at 479-444-3471 or email parks@fayetteville-ar.gov to learn more about organizing your own fundraiser, tournament, or social gathering.



Field Rental

With 22 baseball/softball fields across Fayetteville, Parks and Recreation can meet your needs. For tournaments or event reservations, please visit the website or contact the Parks office to complete a request form. Get started by visiting www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org!



Park Pavilion Reservation

Fayetteville has 15 pavilions located in City parks that can be reserved for FREE. All pavilions are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on January 1 of each calendar year. Reserve online at www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org. If you do not have access to a computer, come by the Parks office at 1455 S. Happy Hollow Road to use our computer at the front desk and make your reservation. Free computer usage is also available at the Public Library and the Yvonne Richardson Community Center.

Pavilions are available for company get-togethers, family reunions, or just a day at the park. Large parties of 75+ are required to fill out a special event request form and submit a cleaning deposit for their reservation. Please call the Parks office at 479-444-3471 if you have additional questions.

Program Registration

Online registration is available for all programs, fields, and pavilion rentals at www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org. For assistance with online registration, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 479-444-3471 or email parks@fayetteville-ar.gov. You can also register in person at the Parks office located at 1455 S. Happy Hollow Road.



PARKS, TRAILS, AND MORE

Paving the Way!

The City of Fayetteville manages over 4,300 acres, including 36 parks, 15 natural areas, and multiple connecting trails. With approximately 80 miles of trails, 26 playgrounds, 36 sports fields, 27 pavilions, seven tennis courts, seven volleyball courts, three lakes, a swimming pool, skate park, and picnic facilities, you will find a park to fit every need.



Adopt a Park or Trail

Individuals and organizations who adopt Fayetteville parks and trails provide a valuable service to the community by helping to maintain the parks so that they stay clean, beautiful, and healthy. In exchange for committing to three cleanups per year, whether it is litter removal or habitat restoration, adopting groups will have their name on a sign installed at the adopted facility. Our parks and trail systems are something to be proud of and can be event better with your involvement. Encourage your family, friends, business, or organization to join us in making a positive difference in our parks system. Visit our website for more information www.fayetteville-ar.gov/parks.

Fayetteville's Parks, Trail, Gardens, and Lakes

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| • Bayyari Park | • Greathouse Park | • Lewis Soccer Complex | • Red Oak Park |
| • Braden Park | • Gregory Park | • Kessler Mountain Regional Park | • Rodney Ryan Park |
| • Bryce Davis Park | • Gulley Park/Trail | • Meadow Valley Trail | • Salem Park |
| • Bundrick Park | • Hamestring Creek Trail | • Mount Sequoyah Gardens | • Scull Creek Trail |
| • Charles J. Finger Park | • Harmony Pointe Park | • Mount Sequoyah Woods | • Square Gardens |
| • Clabber Creek Trail | • Holland Park | • Mud Creek Trail | • St. Joseph Park |
| • Clarence Craft Park | • Hotz Park | • Oak Ridge Trail | • St. Paul Trail |
| • Clear Creek Trail | • Iams Dog Park | • Ralph "Buddy" Hayes Park | • Sweetbriar Park |
| • Dale Clark Park | • Lake Fayetteville Park/Trail | • Razorback Regional Greenway | • Town Branch Trail |
| • David Lashley Park | • Lake Sequoyah Park | | • Tsa La Gi Trail |
| • Doc Mashburn Park | • Lake Wilson Park | | • Walker Park |
| • Gary Hampton Softball Complex | | | • Walker Park Trail |
| • Gordon Long Park | | | • White River Park |
| | | | • Wilson Park/Trail |



Mission Statement

The Yvonne Richardson Community Center (YRCC) mission is to shape today's youth for tomorrow's challenges by providing recreational, educational, and social opportunities. YRCC is focused on providing accessibility and a place to evolve; we pride ourselves on existing as a hub within the community to increase the level of impact gained from those we serve.

About the YRCC

Established in 1996 by a group of citizens seeking a safe environment for youth to benefit from positive programs and policies, YRCC was built in memoriam of former Arkansas Razorbacks Basketball Coach Nolan Richardson's daughter, Yvonne Richardson.

YRCC, an ADA-accessible facility, contains a 7,100 sq. ft. gym, computer lab, and multi-purpose room. The entire building, including gym space, is air conditioned and heated year round. The YRCC campus includes a community garden and playground.

Amenities & Rentals



GYM



COMPUTER LAB



MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM



GARDEN



PLAYGROUND



Contact Us!

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www.fayetteville-ar.gov/yrc

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Closed on all national holidays



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YVONNE RICHARDSON COMMUNITY CENTER

Youth Programs

X-Factor Homeschool P.E.

FREE weekly physical education class for youth enrolled in home-school to ensure that they receive training in health and fitness alongside their studies. Classes teach fundamentals of warm-up, physical activity, and health education.

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am—11am

Kid's Nite Afterschool Program

FREE after-school program provides educational assistance, meals, snacks, and activity time to students ages 6-15!

Monday-Friday: 3:30pm—6pm

Kid's Crop

FREE gardening program that gives youth hands-on experience and an opportunity to provide their fruits of their labor to the community.

Wednesday: 4pm—5pm (Seasonal)

Community Programs

Thanksgiving & Christmas Bingo

Each November and December, YRCC offers a FREE, fun, and unique way to win prizes during the holiday. At this event, ages 18 and over have the opportunity to participate in several rounds of Bingo and choose from over 25 prizes!



Adult Programs

"Open Gym"

If you are seeking a friendly pickup basketball game, stop by YRCC during our open gym times.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm—3pm

Pickleball

A racquet sport combining elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis is a great source of light exercise and socialization for both the young and young at heart!

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 12pm—2pm

Friends of YRCC

Our non-profit board (501c3), Friends of YRCC, meets monthly to discuss matters concerning the center and community.

Contact us for meeting information.

Website: www.friendsofyrcc.org

Board of Directors

Charles Balentine, President

Quinn Childress, Vice President

Laura Underwood, Secretary

Dr. Stephanie Adams, Treasurer

Barbara Lofton

Synetra Morris

Joe Ruddell

URBAN FORESTRY

There are so many perks to living in Fayetteville. Our City has a lot to offer its citizens to help promote a happy and healthy lifestyle. The greatest perk of all would have to be the scenery. For that, we can thank the Urban Forestry division! Urban Forestry staff work tirelessly to preserve the beauty of Fayetteville by implementing policies to limit the removal of trees and enforce the replacement of removed trees. These policies help to promote tree preservation at new development sites as well as in our local neighborhoods. Check us out [online](#)!

Fall Projects

- Tree Escrow Planting: Forty trees will be planted along Persimmon Road in west Fayetteville in Ward 4.
- The Urban Forestry Advisory Board will host the 19th annual **Celebration of Trees** on October 28 at 7 a.m. in the Arvest Bank Plaza on the downtown Fayetteville Square. Proof of Fayetteville residency, such as a recent utility bill or driver's license, is required.
- Urban Forestry staff is researching green alternatives to planting trees at infill projects where space is limited. Alternatives being considered are green facades and green roofs.
- Urban Forestry staff is participating in the development of the Energy Action Plan with the Sustainability and Resilience Department. Staff is providing information about how trees and tree canopy are beneficial to the economic and environmental stability of communities.

Celebration of Trees

Parks and Recreation will be giving away trees as part of the **Celebration of Trees** event on Saturday, October 28 on the Downtown Square at 7 a.m. If you are a Fayetteville resident and would like to help forest our City, please come down to receive your free trees! Don't forget your proof of residency.



Trees Preserved in 2017

To date, Urban Forestry staff has preserved 20.6 acres of the 56.9 acres (36% of the tree canopy) examined during the development review process. In 2017, Urban Forestry specified installation of:

- 539 street trees
- 1,011 mitigation trees due to canopy removal
- 43 trees for stormwater facilities
- 93 parking lot trees



Score! The City of Fayetteville's youth soccer program is one of the largest in Arkansas. The program emphasizes an environment that is fun for all ages and skill levels. Every child is guaranteed to play at least half of each game, while learning the basics of soccer and good sportsmanship. Our recreational soccer program is for girls and boys ages 3-18. The season begins with two or three practices, followed by two games per week. All players registered with Fayetteville Parks and Recreation are randomly assigned to a team based on age. Parks and Recreation screens and trains volunteer coaches. Players who sign up for both fall and spring seasons will remain on the same team. The games belong to the kids! Our top priority is fun and skill improvement!

Who: Boys and Girls leagues for ages 3 - 18

Where: Kessler Mountain Regional Park & Walker Park

When: Fall Season: August - October

Spring Season: February - April

Registration for Spring: November 6 - January 8

Cost: Varies according to age, \$60 - \$105

First Touch Soccer

Our First Touch Program is an introductory program for children 3 to 4 years old. Fun themes are introduced every week to keep kids on their toes, using their imaginations, having fun, and gaining confidence in their skills! Children play Mondays and Saturdays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, or Thursdays and Saturdays (depending on the group assigned). Each session consists of 20 kids and is instructed by Parks and Recreation staff.

Schedules Schedules are subject to change

Mondays & Saturdays

U5 boys - 6:00-6:45pm/9:00-9:45am

U7 boys - 7:00-7:45pm/10:00-10:45am

U9 boys - 6:30-7:30pm/9:30-10:30am

U12 girls - 6:30-7:45pm/9:30-10:45am

Tuesdays & Saturdays

U6 boys - 6:00-6:45pm/11:00-11:45am

U8 boys - 7:00-7:45pm/12:00-12:45pm

U10 boys - 6:30-7:30pm/10:45-11:45am

U12 boys - 6:30-7:45pm/10:45-12:00pm

Thursdays & Saturdays

U5 girls - 6:00-6:45pm/1:00-1:45pm

U6 girls - 6:00-6:45pm/1:00-1:45pm

U7 girls - 7:00-7:45pm/2:00-2:45pm

U8 girls - 7:00-7:45pm/2:00-2:45pm

U9 girls - 6:30-7:30pm/12:30-1:30pm

U10 girls - 6:30-7:45pm/12:30-1:45pm

U15 boys - Tuesdays at 6:00pm & Saturdays at 10:30am

U15 girls - Thursdays at 6:00pm & Saturdays at 12:00pm

U19 - Schedules will vary:

Mondays at 6:00pm & Saturdays



For information on participating, volunteering, or sponsoring a team, please contact Recreation Program Manager Lacie Ballard at 479-575-8369 or lballard@fayetteville-ar.gov



YOUTH SOFTBALL

If baseball is life, then softball is heaven.

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation is excited to offer Youth Softball to girls ages three through 19.

Youth Softball is perfect for players and coaches who wish to learn new skills, play games that meet national softball standards, and want to experience an environment where players, coaches, and umpires work together to ensure that **every** player succeeds.

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation softball is perfect for new and experienced players. Participants receive a uniform jersey, pants, and socks. Teams receive catcher's gear, bats, and practice equipment including practice balls and batting tees. Batting helmets are provided at each facility. All Gary Hampton Softball Complex fields have 200-foot fences. Players may participate in a pre-season clinic and opening ceremony.

Our program is sanctioned through the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA), and players ages three through 19 are eligible to play **depending on the player's birth date**, according to USSSA national rules. All coaches must be at least 18 years old and undergo a national background check. Coaches receive clinical instruction and a practice guide so that every interested parent or volunteer may serve a role in our program without prior experience coaching softball.

3/4U Leadoff League

This is an instructional softball clinic-type program facilitated by a Recreation Program Leader with NCAA softball experience. The focus of the Leadoff League is to enable our youngest players to develop skills in a fun and positive environment. Program staff focuses on hitting (including tee ball and coach pitch), ball control in fielding and throwing, base running, teamwork, and other skills. The leadoff league meets twice a week for eight weeks.



For more information on participating, volunteering, or sponsoring a team, please contact Recreation Program Manager Joe Kieklak at (479) 444-3474 or jkieklak@fayetteville-ar.gov

YOUTH SOFTBALL



Competitive Youth Softball Program

Are you and your girls looking for an extra challenge or hoping to play against the best of the best in our region? Consider registering a team in the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Competitive Youth Softball Program. Registration is available in 10U, 12U, and 14U leagues, and all teams will be USSSA-sanctioned and insured. Teams in this league focus on becoming elite fastpitch softball players; *this is not a recreation softball program*.

Only team-based registration is accepted for this program. Parks and Recreation will be responsible for organizing at least 12 games throughout the season for each team, including a limited number of games against other teams. Opponents could include teams throughout northwest Arkansas, Fort Smith area, northeastern Oklahoma, and southwest Missouri. Fayetteville's competitive league teams are guaranteed entry to one USSSA-sanctioned fastpitch tournament during the 2018 spring season.

When: League practice begins in late March or early April, depending on the age group. Each team's first game will be May 7 or 8, depending on league schedule.

Registration: January 1 - March 5. Late registration will be accepted March 6 - 19. Players will be organized onto a team as soon as possible. Registration online at www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org.

League	3/4U	6U	8U	10U	12U	14U	18U
Age Range	June 2013 - December 2015	January 2011 - May 2013	January 2009 - December 2010	January 2007 - December 2008	January 2005 - December 2006	January 2003 - December 2004	January 1999 - December 2002
Pitching Delivery	Tee	Coach Pitch and Tee	Pitching Machine	Player Fastpitch and Machine	Player Fastpitch	Player Fastpitch	Player Fastpitch
Time	5:30 or 6:30p.m. 9:30 or 10:30a.m.	5:45 or 6:45p.m.	Usually 5:45 or 7p.m.		Usually 7 or 8:15p.m.		
Days of the Week	Wednesdays and Saturdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays	Mondays, Tuesdays, and/or Thursdays
Location	Wilson Park		Gary Hampton Softball Complex (Home Games)				
Additional Information and Notes Specific to Different Leagues	1: Parents may register their player into an older age group. Parents interested in registering their child into an older age group should reach out to the recreation program manager to register their child. 2: Teams in 10U, 12U, 14U, and 18U will play their home games at these times and locations, and teams in these leagues (especially 12U-18U) should expect to play at other times, days, and locations for away games throughout Washington and Benton counties.						



Adult COED Indoor Volleyball

When it's too cold to be outdoors, residents can be active on the indoor volleyball court! Northwest Arkansas residents register as a team of 10 players or fewer, and matches are 6 versus 6 players. Teams register to play in the Game On League (competitive) or the Chill Out League (recreational). Both leagues use traditional USA Volleyball rules and local rules. Matches are played at 6:15 and 7 p.m. or 7:45 and 8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$275 per team, per season.

Teams play 14 matches in a regular season and are guaranteed entry to the single-elimination post-season tournament, which includes a championship and third place match. Our league offers an op-

- Fall Registration: August 21 - October 1
- Winter Registration: November 20 - December 31
- Fall League Play: October 17 - December 7
- Winter League Play: January 16 - March 1

Fayetteville Adult Kickball Association

Fayetteville's Adult Kickball is one of the most popular adult programs we offer; teams are guaranteed to have a good time! This program is offered two seasons out of the year in Summer and Fall. Games are played at Walker Park baseball fields on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings during early (6:15p.m. and 7p.m.) or late (7:45p.m. and 8:30p.m.) time slots. Leagues are determined by teams' preference and availability. Registered teams will play two games a night for a total of 14 games and will participate in a single-elimination post-season tournament. Don't let your family, friends, or coworkers miss out on this fun! The fall registration fee is \$275 per team. Find more information at www.fayetteville-ar.gov/kickball

- Fall Registration: July 31 - September 10
- Fall League Play: September 25 - November 16



ADULT RECREATION



Adult Softball

Slowpitch softball is Fayetteville's most popular adult recreational program with approximately 3,000 participants per year. The leagues play three seasons: Spring, Summer, and Fall and currently consists of approximately 70 teams during each season! We offer Men's, Women's, and COED leagues that are all sanctioned through the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA). Games are held at either Gary Hampton or Lake Fayetteville Softball Complexes Monday through Thursday evenings during early (6:15 p.m. & 7 p.m.) or late (8 p.m. & 9 p.m.) time slots. Leagues are determined by teams' preference and availability.

Registered teams play two games a night for a total of 10 to 14 games (depending on the season) and participate in a single-elimination post-season tournament. Grab your family, friends, and coworkers to form a team! Fall registration is \$450/team. Find more information www.fayetteville-ar.gov/adultsoftball

- Fall Registration: July 5 - August 31
- Fall League Play: September 11 - November 2



Free Agent & Team Registration

Those interested in participating in one of our adult recreational programs, but cannot organize a whole team may sign up as free agents on the list here: www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org

Recreation Website

Our recreation website, www.fayetteville.onlinesignup.org, hosts online registration for all of our programs (adult, youth, and specials events). This site can also be used to schedule practices for registered teams, so that you can improve those skills and bring home the championship awards! And of course bragging rights!



FAYETTEVILLE RACE SERIES

Square 2 Square Bike Ride: Enjoy 30 miles of Razorback Regional Greenway cycling followed by post-ride festivities that include live music, community farmers' markets, refreshments, discounts to square-area businesses, bicycle valet, and more!

When: September 16, 2017

Where: Razorback Regional Greenway

What: A cycling celebration from the downtown Bentonville square to the downtown Fayetteville square the features unique amenities we are fortunate to have in Northwest Arkansas!

Fees: \$30 for adults (14+), \$20 for Kids (9-13), Free for 8 and under



CycloFrost: NEW this year to the Fayetteville Race Series is a cyclocross race at Lake Fayetteville's North Shore! Cyclocross is a very specific type of bike racing. You can expect to encounter grass, dirt, mud, gravel, sand, and a whole slew of other assortments and combinations. The races are based on a set time (measured by numbers of laps), not distance.

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Where: Lake Fayetteville's North Shore

What: A one of a kind cycling experience you don't want to miss!

Fees: \$35

For more information on participating, volunteering, or sponsoring the Fayetteville Race Series:
www.fayetteville-ar.gov/raceseries

Run for the Parks: Get out those running shoes and head to our beautiful green spaces to show appreciation for Fayetteville's parks and trails! This race has something for all runners with three distance options: Long (8.5 miles), Medium (4.5 miles), or Short (2.5 miles).

When: Sunday, November 19, 2017

Where: Run along Clear Creek, Scull Creek, or Frisco Trails and finish in Walker Park.

What: Run for the Parks is a chance for runners and walkers to show their support for the City's parks and trails! With several distance options and a festive finish area - we hope this race can find the runner hiding in everyone. Shuttles will be available at Walker Park (prior to the run) to take runners to each starting park.

Fees: \$35 (8.5 mile) and \$30 (4.5 and 2.5 mile)



Frozen Toes Trail Runs and Rides: This year, the Fayetteville Race Series plans to expand the existing Frozen Toes race. Saturday will offer 5K and 15K trail run options. Sunday will offer 5 mile and 15 mile mountain biking trail ride options. Both days will also have a 1 mile uphill and downhill challenge.

When: January 13-14, 2018

Where: Kessler Mountain Regional Park

What: 5k or 15k Trail Run, 5 mile or 15 mile Trail Ride, 1 mile uphill and downhill run or ride challenge

Fees: Registration will open in November

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer Opportunities

At Fayetteville Parks and Recreation, we have volunteer activities for everyone! Opportunities range from coaching a season for a youth sports program to participating in a one-day park cleanup. Each opportunity helps to improve our programs and keep our City as beautiful as ever. Below is a list of available opportunities.

- Youth Soccer and Softball Coaches
- Race Series Event Staff
- Yvonne Richardson Community Center Events
- Park/Trail Cleanup or Adopt-A-Trail/Park
- Removal/Addition of Trees and Plants

Sports Official

Looking to make a little extra income? Come out and get paid to officiate one of your favorite sports! We have opportunities in our youth and adult recreational programs:

- Youth Soccer Referee
- Youth Fastpitch Softball Umpire
- Adult Slowpitch Softball Umpire
- Adult Kickball Umpire
- Adult Volleyball Referee

Please call 479-444-3471 or email parksvolunteer@fayetteville-ar.gov for more information on how to get involved!

Donate & Sponsor

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department is seeking sponsorships and donations from supporters and businesses. Your support allows us to meet the needs of children and adults participating in recreation programs, not to mention the free community events! Available opportunities include:

- Youth Sports Teams
- Athletic Fields
- Special Events/Programs
- Yvonne Richardson Community Center



Mark Your Calendar!

- **Lake Fayetteville Cleanup**
Saturday, October 7, 9am-11:30am
- **Lake Sequoyah Cleanup**
Saturday, October 14, 9am-11:30am
- **Earth Day Trails Cleanup**
Saturday, March 21, 9am-12pm
Marion Orton Recycling Center

NEW AND COMING SOON!



Wilson Park

Two new playgrounds accommodating ages 5 to 12 and ages 3 to 5 have been installed at Wilson Park! Funding of \$150,000 was received from the Arkansas Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to assist with this project. A generous donation of \$30,000 was made by Fadil Bayyari to build the *David Lyle Bayyari Musical Playground* in memory of his son who enjoyed Wilson Park throughout his life. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the playgrounds will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m.



David Lyle Bayyari Musical Playground



New Playground Facilities

Kessler Mountain Regional Park

Many great facilities are being built at the 350-acre Kessler Mountain Regional Park. The parkland was purchased in 2014 with \$1,500,000 of City funds, a matching donation of \$1,500,000 from the Walton Family Foundation, and a committed gift of \$300,000 from the Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association

Kessler Mountain Park
Fayetteville, AR



Progressive Trail Design's \$297,000 contract includes constructing 3.4 miles of new trails, making renovations to existing trails, and installing wayfinding signage. The project is also being funded with a \$210,000 grant from the Walton Family Foundation. Rotary Club of Fayetteville raised \$150,000 to help build a \$330,000 playground and should be ready for play in October!

Walker Park

A new splash pad for the 2018 summer season is being planned for Walker Park on the northwest side of the park, just north of the skate park. The Walker Park Activity and Wellness Center has seen a major facelift in their kitchen which feeds over 300 senior citizens a day. The project was partially funded with a Community Development Block Grant: the kitchen was expanded, equipment purchased, and the parking lot enlarged to serve our senior citizens.

NEW AND COMING SOON!

Lake Fayetteville Natural Trail Boardwalk

Parks received a Recreation Trails Program grant from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department in the amount of \$56,000 to construct a boardwalk on the nature trail at Lake Fayetteville to accommodate the Botanical Gardens and to alleviate wet and muddy trail areas. This project was completed in May of 2017.



Lights of the Ozarks Downtown Square Gardens

Parks and Recreation will start installing over 300,000 LED lights in September in preparation for the Lights of the Ozarks parade and lighting ceremony on Friday, November 17. Lights and holiday music are active from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily, November 17 through December 30. The display ends as the clock strikes midnight on December 31.



Gregory Park

Gregory Park contains 19 acres on East Sycamore Street, behind McDonalds on N. College Avenue. The Ozark Off-Road Cyclists (OORC) have spent numerous hours clearing the trail corridor to establish beginner and intermediate flow trails, a single track trail, and a pumptrack and skills park. OORC has secured a grant by the Walton Family Foundation for these improvements. The City will overlay the parking lot with new asphalt. Improvements will be completed in the summer of 2018.

YRCC Kids Crops Gazebo

A 24' x 24' gazebo will be built adjacent to the Kids Crops area through the Arkansas General Assembly's General Improvement Fund Grant Program from a grant, outdoor classroom will include seating, electricity, and a prep area for use by the program and community. Also included in this project is ADA compatible sidewalk from the Center to the garden.

Bryce Davis Park

Lighting will be installed this fall at Iams Dog Park in Bryce Davis Park so you and your dog can enjoy the park during the winter months too! Bryce Davis Park is approximately 26 acres and located on the north side of Wedington Drive at 1595 N. Dartmouth Avenue. In addition to the dog park, features include a paved trail, large pavilion, and scenic pond.



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Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Department

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